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## **OLNEY WOMAN SENTENCED FOR OBSTRUCTING FEDERAL INVESTIGATION**

Randy G. Massey, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on June 8, 2006, **AMANDA WORTMAN**, age 22, of Olney, Illinois, was sentenced in the United States District Court in Benton, Illinois. **WORTMAN** was sentenced to 12 months and 1 day imprisonment, was fined \$200, and was placed on 2 years supervised release.

**WORTMAN** had previously been convicted following a two-day jury trial in United States District Court in Benton, Illinois. **WORTMAN** was convicted of knowingly destroying a tangible object, to-wit: a CD-ROM, with the intent to impede, obstruct, and influence the investigation of a matter within the jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The crime occurred on February 22, 2005, in Olney, Illinois.

The evidence at trial showed that the FBI was conducting an investigation of child pornography. During the course of that investigation, **WORTMAN** destroyed a CD-ROM which was believed to contain child pornography, with the intent to impede, obstruct, and influence the FBI investigation.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Richland County Sheriff's Office.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney George A. Norwood.

The United States Attorney's Office, in conjunction with federal and state law enforcement authorities, is actively investigating and prosecuting individuals who produce, distribute, or possess child pornography. Anyone with information concerning the use of the Internet for the purposes of trafficking in child pornography is encouraged to contact their local police department or the Federal Bureau of Investigation.